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MESSAGE:

Dear Examiner Padgett,

Enclosed is a Response to the Final Office Action of February 13, 2003,
mailed within three months with no extension of time.

Best regards,
Reece Nienstadt

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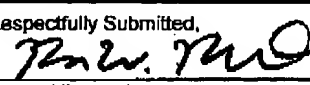
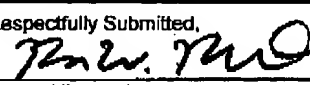
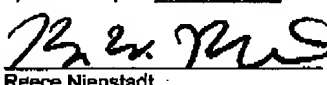
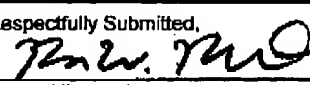
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.					
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Amendment Fee Calculation					
	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid for	Number Extra	Rate Large Entity	Additional Fee
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Multiple Dependent Claims				\$280	0
Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement				\$180	0
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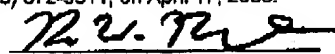
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Dear Examiner Padgett:

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